**Town of Bourbon**

**Bourbon Township**

**2020 Fire Prevention Month Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the Town of Bourbon and Bourbon Township is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Bourbon and Bourbon Township; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, home fires killed more than 2,630 people in the United States in 2017, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 357,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States where fire departments responded to more than 173,200

WHEREAS, two of every five home fires start in the kitchen with 31% of these fires resulting from unattended cooking; and

WHEREAS, more than half of reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire themselves; and

WHEREAS, children under five face a higher risk of non-fire burns associated with cooking than being burned in a cooking fire

WHEREAS, residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS, Bourbon’s first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

THEREFORE, The Bourbon Town Council and Bourbon Township Government do hereby proclaim October as Fire Prevention Month and urge all the citizens of the Bourbon Community to check their homes for fire hazards and use safe cooking practices. We support and recognize the many public safety activities, dedication and service of Bourbon Volunteer Fire Firefighters.

So dated this 13th Day of October, 2020

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Kimberly Berger, Clerk/Treasurer